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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:PDIP,CE
SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF POSSIBLE ANDREW YOUNG VISIT TO SRI LANKA

REF: COLOMBO 3799

1. I LONG AGO LEARNED NOT TO BELIEVE EVERYTHING I READ
IN THE SRI LANKA PRESS. HOWEVER, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THIS
TIME THEY ARE RIGHT AND THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME TO
COLOMBO.

2. I NEED NOT DETAIL FOR YOU THE MODEST BUT HELPFUL ROLE
WHICH THE SRI LANKANS PLAY AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED AT MULTI-
LATERAL GATHERINGS, WHILE THIS ALONE MIGHT MERIT THEM THE
COURTESY OF A VISIT FROM YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THE
NEAR IMPECCABLE RECORD OF THIS COUNTRY SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN
REGARD TO CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SRI LANKA'S LAPSES IN THE
FORM OF SUPPRESSING MEDIA UNDER FORMER PRIMIN
BANDARANAIKE AND LAST AUGUST'S COMMUNAL DISORDERS, ARE
VIEWED WITHIN THIS COUNTRY THE WAY AMERICANS APPRAISE
WATERGATE.

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3. NEW PRIMIN JAYAWARDENE IS QUITE PROPERLY CONCEN-
TRATING HIS ATTENTION ON INTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
AND SEEM TO HAVE NO PLANS TO TRAVEL ABROAD. TO
AFFORD HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM YOU
THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
DEVELOPING WORLD WOULD BE A MATTER OF SATISFACTION

TO HIM. IT WOULD ALSO BE A MATERIAL ASSET TO OUR
EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THIS COUNTRY TO CONTINUE TO BE
A MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE FORCE AMONG THE POORER
NATIONS.

4. I FORESEE NO PROBLEMS OF TIMING OR PROTOCOL WITH
WHICH YOU NEED CONCERN YOURSELF. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS
YOU.
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